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BONUS BILL PLAN MEETS DEFEAT

PRESIDENT HARDING SAID TO HAVE LOOKED WITH DISFAVOR ON SUGGESTION OF COMBINATION WITH THE ALLIED DEBTS.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The soldier bonus bill will not be made a part of the allied debt refunding bill, said Chairman McCumber of the senate finance committee tonight after a series of conferences had been held between senate leaders to discuss the desirability of merging the two and it had become known at the White House that President Harding did not look with favor upon the suggestion that they be combined.

The foreign debt bill, Senator McCumber said, would be taken up by the finance committee Monday in the hope that it would be put into shape at that time for reporting to the senate. It was the intention, he added, to eliminate some of the features to which the treasury department has objected and which have resulted in the measure being held in committee for several weeks. These include provisions for semi-annual payment of interest and that the rate shall not be less than 5 per cent.

Although the merger plan was originally received favorably by a number of senate leaders the president was said to regard it as impractical and his view was reflected in further conferences today between the senate leaders.

The president's objections to the merger were said by callers at the White House today to be based on his desire for the assurance that provisions definitely would be made for payment of the bonus. So far as the refunding bill is concerned, he was said to believe that the refunding process should be developed to insure returns from the allied loans before steps were taken to pledge them for a bonus.

He was represented, however, as not hostile to the suggestion that the interest or principal of the allied loans be used for paying the bonus once they were available. It was stated definitely that he also would not oppose a sales tax for the purpose of paying the bonus if congress should decide upon that plan.

The president, however, was said to regard as impractical a suggestion that over \$4,000,000 in the hands of the alien property custodian be used for bonus payments. These funds, it was said, were regarded as pledged technically to private individuals whose property was taken.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Will Be Held at Graded School Building Tuesday at 4 O'clock

The Abbeville Parent-Teacher association will meet Tuesday afternoon in the graded school building at 4 o'clock. There will be a short entertainment given just before the regular business session. The cash prizes for attendance given to grades represented will be awarded. It is hoped that all the members will endeavor to be present at this meeting of the New Year.

MUST WAIT ONE WEEK

Canadian Government to Conduct Inquiry.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 15.—Immigration officials stated tonight that a week would elapse before a hearing could be granted in the extradition case of Matthew Bullock, a negro, sought by authorities of Norlina, N. C., on a charge of inciting to riot. The department has served a warrant on the governor of the jail requiring that Bullock be kept in Canada until a board of inquiry renders a decision.

TO HOLD ELECTION WEDNESDAY NOON

FOR JUDGES AND TRUSTEES VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS—W. H. CANFIELD, PENITENTIARY DIRECTOR FOR RE-ELECTION

Columbia, Jan. 13.—The legislature Friday adopted a resolution providing for the election of judges, trustees of various institutions at noon next Wednesday.

The officers to be elected and those they succeed are as follows: Judges for the first circuit, to succeed Judge I. W. Bowman; for the second circuit, to succeed Judge H. F. Rice; for the third circuit, to succeed Judge John S. Wilson; for the fourth circuit to succeed Judge Edward McIver; for the sixth circuit to succeed Judge Ernest Moore; for the eighth circuit to succeed Judge Frank B. Gary; for the thirteenth circuit to succeed Judge T. Mauldin.

State insurance commissioner, J. J. McManis.

State warehouse commissioner, J. C. Rivers.

One trustee of Winthrop College, J. R. McDonald.

Three trustees of Clemson to succeed J. J. Evans, I. M. Mauldin and R. H. Rawl.

Two members of the board of visitors of the Citadel, to succeed J. P. Thomas and J. H. Hammond.

One trustee of the John De La Howe Institute, vice J. M. Nickles.

Two trustees of the University to succeed L. P. Hollis and the late C. E. Spencer.

Two directors of the penitentiary to succeed W. H. Canfield and A. H. Hawkins.

Two trustees of the colored Normal Industrial and Mechanical school to succeed G. D. White and C. L. Brooks.

The legislature adjourned Friday to meet again Monday night.

STANLEY SCORES SENATE ACTION

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The senate resolution seating Truman H. Newberry was attacked in an address today by Senator M. O. Stanley of Kentucky as "the latest example of Hardingesque wobbling."

"We are told," said Senator Stanley, "that the president was the real author of this anomalous resolution just passed by the senate at once damning and saving the senator from Michigan. We can feel some sympathy, I suppose, for an administration which comes to the rescue of one who has saved its bacon in time of direct need."

"The league of nations was repudiated through the organization by one vote—a vote that was out on bail."

"The Harding followers accused Woodrow Wilson of weary wobbling. There certainly is no danger of the present president growing weary of wobbling for that is his natural gait."

NEW IRISH PARTY WILL FIGHT IRISH FREE STATE

London, Jan. 14.—The Daily Mail's Dublin Correspondent says that Erskine Childer's party has sent urgent cablegrams to the United States appealing for funds to enable them to begin the election campaign in opposition to the new free state government.

FOUR MEN BURIED IN MINE CAVE-IN

THREE OTHERS SUFFER INJURIES NEAR SCRANTON—BIG FORCE DIGGING INTO MASS OF DEBRIS FROM THREE ANGLES.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 14.—Four men were entombed, three were injured and several others had narrow escapes from death today when 20 acres of land dropped in a mine cave-in of gigantic proportion in the National mine of the Glen Alden Coal company. Seventy-five men attacked the mass of debris, coal, rock and earth from three different angles, but had not obtained any trace of the missing men late tonight. W. W. Inglis, president of Glen Alden company, personally supervised the work of the rescuers and was hopeful that the men would be found alive.

With the exception of the four entombed miners, all other employees in the affected area had been accounted for by company officials. The missing men are: Edward Hughes, section foreman; Al Reese, electrician and prominent locally as a sprinter and athlete; John Barrett, laborer; Michael Kelly, laborer.

President Inglis in a statement this afternoon attributed the cave-in or "in-squeeze" to the small pillars which had been left standing by another company which formerly operated the mine and which had started to disintegrate by reason of the huge weight they supported.

The area affected by the cave covers five city blocks. Fissures in the surface are discernible for 800 feet west of Pittston avenue. But notwithstanding its great size the cave caused comparatively small damage to the surface property.

Three injured men were removed from the mine shortly after the accident and taken to a hospital. All are expected to recover.

Great excitement prevailed in the vicinity of the affected area. The squeeze was accompanied by a roar and rumbling that could be heard for a great distance and which continued for about five minutes. Throughout the day there was further evidence of settling, but it was not so distinct as that which accompanied the first shock.

CUNNINGHAM PREACHES

Makes No Announcement of Plans In Regard to Call.

The Rev. John R. Cunningham, who preached at the Presbyterian church yesterday, left today for his home in Grenada, Miss., giving no positive indication whether he will accept or decline the call extended him sometime ago to the pastorate of the church here. At both the morning and evening hours the Rev. Mr. Cunningham made a most favorable impression on the large congregations which heard him. The hope has been generally expressed today that he will finally accept. He said this morning that he felt it would not be fair to make any definite announcement since there were so many considerations involved in regard to the work here and that he would have to give up should he accept.

WILL INSURE HAYS

Two Million Dollar Policy To Be Taken Out.

New York, Jan. 15.—The life of Postmaster General Will Hays will be insured for \$2,000,000 when he resigns his cabinet post to head the national picture combination, it was today announced after a meeting of a sub-committee of motion picture men.

The policy will be made payable, in event of his death, to the reorganized National Association of the Motion Picture Industry and the amount be distributed among several companies.

MUST MAKE RULES TO SCRAP SHIPS

HEADS OF FIVE DELEGATIONS DISCUSS QUESTION.—PROPOSED TO CONVERT CERTAIN CAPITAL SHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION INTO AIRPLANES

Washington, Jan. 14.—Discussion of the rules for scrapping capital ships by the heads of the five delegations has involved suggestions from both American and Japanese representatives that certain ships now under construction for their navies be converted into airplane carriers—the superdreadnaughts Kaga and Yosa, 40,000 ton ships of the class immediately following the Mutsu—while the suggestion of American naval officials was that the battle cruisers Lexington Constellation and Saratoga, each of which is more than 30 per cent. complete, be utilized for the same purpose.

Conversion of the Japanese battleships into carriers would involve stripping them of armor and of the main batteries of 10 16-inch guns each for which they were designed, also the removal and destruction of their turrets and turret structures. This would reduce their tonnage to approximately 27,000 tons displacement and bring them within the original proposal to limit the size of aircraft carriers to that weight. The removal of the arms and armament of the three American battle cruisers, however, would not lower their designed displacement of approximately 43,000 tons below about 33,000 and if the conference ultimately decided for economic reasons that the use as air carriers of the three cruisers is desirable a provision must be made in the treaty to fix the maximum size for airplane carriers at 33,000 tons instead of 27,000.

Another problem as to the scrapping rules arose over the Japanese desire to retain some of their old battleships as training ships for gun turret crews. It has been the practice of the Japanese navy to give preliminary training to turret crews aboard superannuated battleships. The British have turret and guns for this training purpose installed at a gunnery school ashore while in the American service turret training is given aboard active ships of the fleet.

FIRE FRIDAY NIGHT

Damage About \$400 to Building and Goods.

Fire early Saturday morning did damage estimated at \$400 to the building and contents on Vienna street near the Seaboard Station belonging to Dr. G. E. Calvert. J. R. Owens whose grocery business was located in one of the rooms suffered a loss of \$300, the building itself being damaged about \$100. The adjoining store room was filled with flour belonging to Dr. Calvert. This was uninjured except slightly by water.

It is not known how the fire originated.

Carpentier Defeated Cook

London, Jan. 14.—Georges Carpentier, who decisively defeated Gorge Cook of Australia, here last night, may ask another fight with Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight, after meeting Ted "Kid" Lewis, the Evening Standard was informed today by Francois Descamps, Carpentier's manager.

Boys Told To Go And Sin No More

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 14.—In superior court here at noon today Judge Finley ordered warrants charging five young white boys, some of prominent Charlotte families, charged from the charge of store-breaking and larceny to that of forcible trespass and told the boys to "go and sin no more."

NEWBERRY SEATED BY A PARTY VOTE

RESOLUTION WHICH SEATED NEWBERRY SEVERELY CONDEMNED EXCESSIVE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE—VOTE WAS 46 TO 41

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Newberry case in the formal records of the senate had passed into history today. The senate chamber, with that body in recess after the strain of battle ended by its 46 to 41 vote yesterday that the senatorial choice of the state of Michigan in the 1918 election Truman H. Newberry was entitled to sit in the senate, was strangely silent. The more than three years of uncertainty and suspense resulting from the contest of the seat by Henry Ford, Senator Newberry's defeated democratic opponent in the election, ended with the final vote at 6:28 p. m.

Supporters of the resolution sponsored by republican leaders declaring the Michigander is entitled to his seat were all republican senators of that party joined 32 democrats in opposing. Three senators were paired for and three against the resolution and three did not vote.

The resolution as adopted carried an amendment introduced by Senator Willis, republican, Ohio, by which the senate "severely condemned and disapproved" excessive campaign expenditures "as harmful to the honor and dignity of the senate and dangerous to the perpetuity of a free government." The amendment was accepted by the Newberry supporters as a substitute for the original clause declaring unfounded the charges involved in the Ford contest that the Michigan senator was not entitled to his seat because of campaign expenditures.

Senator Newberry accepted the action of the senate in a subsequent statement as a "complete vindication of myself and all concerned," definitely answering statements made during the closing hours of debate that he did not approve of the resolution in its final form.

TREATY RATIFIED IN SHORT ORDER

Dublin, Jan. 14.—Interest in the political situation tonight centers in the meeting which will be held tomorrow by the southern parliament for the ratification of the peace treaty with Great Britain. Invitations to the session were issued today, signed by Arthur Griffith. They were directed to all deputies elected for the 26 southern counties, including Eamon De Valera and his adherents. It is not expected, however, that Mr. De Valera or any of his followers will attend.

The meeting will be held in the oak room of Mansion House and unless some members opposed to the treaty decide at the last minute to attend, it promises to be a somewhat perfunctory ceremony.

A chairman will be elected, the treaty formally ratified and a provisional government established. Mr. Griffith and the members of the new cabinet, according to present plan, will comprise the provisional government.

With the establishment of the governments the decks will be cleared for the complicated and laborious task of transferring authority from the British to the Irish government. All the members of the cabinet conferred at Mansion House today discussed not only the future duties and the responsibilities of the provisional government, but the immediate necessity for dealing with the threatened strike of the railwaymen.

GERMANY GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME

TO MEET REPARATION PAYMENTS NOW DUE—DURING DELAY GERMANY MUST PAY 31,000,000 GOLD MARKS EVERY TEN DAYS

Cannes, Jan. 14.—The supreme council today examined the situation created by the departure of the French delegation and ruled that decisions on which a complete agreement had been reached should become operative, especially that regarding the Genoa conference for which Premier Bonomi of Italy was charged to issue invitations.

The council determined that those decisions which were not definite should be reconsidered.

The members of the reparations commission were then ushered into the chamber and M. Dubois, of France, its president, read the commission's decision, reached this morning. The German delegation was then introduced to hear a re-reading of this decision.

The decision stated that the reparations commission had decided to grant the German government a provisional delay for payment of the sums due January 15 and February 15, so far as these payments were not covered by payments in cash or in kind, on certain conditions. These conditions are:

"First—During the period of provisional delay Germany must pay in approved foreign securities—\$1,000,000 gold marks every ten days, the first payment to be January 15.

"Second—Germany within a fortnight must submit to the commission a plan for reforms or appropriate guarantee for its budget and paper currency, and also a program for reparation payments in cash and in kind for 1922.

"Third—The period of provisional delay shall end when the commission or the allied governments have reached a decision in regard to the plan and program mentioned in the second condition, the balance due becoming payable a fortnight after the commission or the allies have reached a decision."

Dr. Walter Lathenau, head of the German delegation, took note of the decision in the name of his government. He added that Germany had not defaulted in her payments, because negotiations had been taken up regarding the payments due January 15. He also took note of the invitation to Germany to take part in the Genoa conference.

All the delegations called here by the supreme council meeting are leaving Cannes today.

LID CLAMPED DOWN IN BOOM OIL TOWN

Forty State Guardsmen Reinforce the Texas State Rangers in Mexico.

Mexia, Texas, Jan. 14.—The lid was clamped down tight in this boom oil town tonight when the small force of state rangers on duty since last Saturday to enforce martial law was reinforced by about 40 state guardsmen.

Immediately after detaining, the guardsmen were addressed by Brig. Gen. Jacob F. Wolters, commanding officer, and told in substance that they were assigned to guard prisoners at the detention camp and perform other duties. They were told that if it was necessary to prevent escapes they should shoot and that a miss would mean courtmartial.

General Wolters announced that the police have been assigned to look after minor law violations; reports of felonies, gambling and illegal liquor cases are to be turned over to the rangers for investigation and action.